



Central Ideas and Summaries

Today's Standard

9-10.RST.2 - Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace the text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the text.

Cues	Notes
What are central ideas?	Central ideas are the main points the author wants to convey.
How to identify conclusions?	Conclusions can be explicit or inferred from the text.
What is a summary?	A summary captures the main ideas and essential details.
Steps for tracing explanations	Tracing explanations involves following the logical sequence in the text.
Key details vs. minor details	Focus on key details that support the main ideas, not every single detail.

Summary

Understanding central ideas and conclusions helps in summarizing complex texts accurately. Focus on main ideas and key details, and learn to infer conclusions when not explicitly stated.